

REMARKS

The Office Action April 14, 2005 has been carefully reviewed along with the references cited therein. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 3-4 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lin (U.S. Patent No. 5,384,149). The Examiner also rejected claim 2 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin. The Examiner indicated that claims 12-20 were allowed. The Examiner objected to claims 5-11 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include "heating the animal byproduct material to at least about 160 degrees F before separating protein from the animal byproduct material." This recitation is similar to original claim 5. Claim 1 has also been amended to remove other language; however, claim 1 should still be found to be patentable over the cited reference.

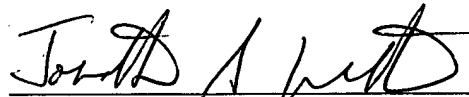
Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to correct their dependency since claim 5 has been cancelled. Claim 8 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted that all claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited. In any event, should the Examiner consider personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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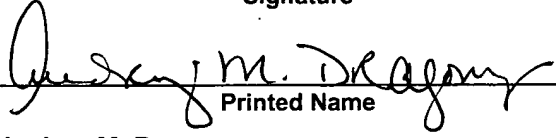
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